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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of KUFFEL ET AL. )**  
**) Art Unit: 1761**  
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**Serial Number ) Examiner: Lien Tran**  
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**Filed: ) Atty Docket: GMI 5300US-D1**  
**For: BROWN SUGAR SUBSTITUTE AND METHOD FOR MAKING**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**PO Box 1450**  
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**Dear Sir:**

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. patent application, kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 13-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

The present application represents a divisional of parent application serial no. 09/589,555 which received a five way restriction requirement between method and product claims. In the parent application product claims 13-22 were elected for examination. The parent application has since been allowed. Based on the restriction requirement, the Applicant is hereby filing this divisional application covering product and method claims 1-12 and 23-49.

Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement making of record all of the prior art documents previously submitted to the Examiner in the